

**POLICE DEPARTMENT
CITY OF NEW YORK**

October 6, 2023

From: Commanding Officer, Transit Manhattan Task Force
To: Chief of Transit
Subject: **TRANSIT MANHATTAN TASK FORCE K5 ROBOT DEPLOYMENT PLAN**

1. The objective of this plan is to deploy the K5 Robot, a self-driving, artificial intelligent and autonomous patrol robot, in Times Square Station starting 0600 hours Monday October 9, 2023. This is a new pilot program that aims to enhance the security and safety of our premises.

Roles and Responsibilities

- **TARU personnel:** Responsible for the K5 during the first platoon hours of 2400 to 0600. They will monitor, maintain, and troubleshoot the K5 as needed. Task Force personnel will provide face-to-face relief at 0600.
- **Task Force personnel:** Responsible for the K5 during the hours of 0600 to 2400. They will be within eyesight of K5 but not standing guard right next to it. Their main function is to answer questions for the K5 since it is a new pilot program. They will also document every 20 minutes inspection of K5 and make an active log entry. They will need face-to-face relief and notify a supervisor if they are to leave for any reason.
- **Task Force supervisors:** Responsible for overseeing the K5 deployment and ensuring compliance with the plan. They will also make hourly inspection of the post during the tour and scratch officers at post.

Procedures

- The K5 Robot will be activate on 0600 Monday October 9, 2023 and handed over to Task Force Personnel. The K5 Robot cameras will still be operational while it is charging during the hours of 0600 to 2400.
- The K5 Robot will patrol the designated area according to a predefined route and schedule during hours 2400 to 0600.
- TARU personnel will activate the K5 Robot at 2400 after Task Force personnel hand over. Officers are instruct the hand over will be face-to-face at any given time.
- The K5 Robot will be inspect every 20 minutes by Task Force personnel and document in their digital activity log.
- Task Force officers/supervisors are to report any positive or negative situation with K5 to Transit Bureau Wheel and Transit Manhattan Borough. TARU personnel are available 24/7 for any technical issue with K5 under contact number [REDACTED].

- In situation of K5 vandalism, officers are instruct to cover K5 and contact supervisor. There is a blue tarp inside MTA offices next to Booth R151. MTA booth agents were told to provide Key#50 if officers needs access to the room.
- Task Force telephone switchboard operation will monitor 24/7 of a K5 charging station camera set up by TARU and report any unusually activities to supervisors.
- Task Force supervisors who will ensure compliance with the plan and discipline any non-compliance.

2. For your **INFORMATION**.

Francis Abbriano
Captain

August 14, 2023

To: NYPD Technical Assistance Response Unit (TARU)

From: MTA Safety & Security Office
NYCT Office of System Safety

Following review of the plans and inspection of the Times Square/42nd Street Subway station with members of the NYPD, the NYCT together with the MTA agree to the introduction and operation of a robot from the Knightscope Company as pilot under the following conditions:

1. The robot will have NYPD staff physically present 24/7 with the robot to monitor identify and immediately mitigate any safety hazards that may develop during a 60-day initial trial.
2. Unless subsequently coordinated with NYCT and MTA the robot will be located and operate on the 42nd Street/Times square subway station mezzanine between the R-145 and R-151 station booths.
3. Unless subsequently coordinated with the NYCT and MTA, the robot will operate between the hours of 0000 and 0600 hours.
4. The charging station for the robot will be located on the north facing wall inside the fare array near the R-151 station booth. The public will be protected from tripping over the charging station when the robot is in operation (patrolling).
5. Safety concerns emanating from the presence and operation of the robot will be routinely evaluated by NYCT and the MTA during the initial 60-day trial and emerging safety issues and concerns will immediately be addressed to the satisfaction of the NYCT and MTA security offices before operations can continue.
6. The NYCT and MTA may discontinue the pilot if safety concerns cannot be mitigated.
7. Upon completion of the initial 60-day trial continued operation of the robot in the subway station will be assessed for overall safety and efficacy to determine if operation of the robot should continue and if so, the conditions for its use will be reassessed.

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December 13, 2023

From: Deputy Commissioner, Legal Matters
To: Chief of Department
Subject: **REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO GPS TRACKING DEVICE & K5
AUTONOMOUS SECURITY ROBOT (OIG-23-N060)**

1. The undersigned is requesting information from your office in order to fulfill a request from the the Office of the Inspector General (OIG-NYPD), as part of their audit and review of the Department's policies and practices. OIG is requesting the following:

- a. All requests to the Chief of Department, or any other units within the Department, to deploy the **GPS tracking device** on fleeing vehicles:
 - 1. Any and all documentation associated with instances of deployment of the GPS tracking device on fleeing vehicles; and
 - 2. If the GPS tracking device has never been deployed, written confirmation indicating such.
- b. All requests to the Chief of Department, or any other units within the Department, to deploy the **KS Autonomous Security Robot**:
 - 1. Any and all documentation associated with the deployment and use of the K5 Autonomous Security Robot.
 - 2. If the K5 Autonomous Security Robot has never been deployed, written confirmation indicating such.

2. It is requested that a response be submitted by December 27, 2023. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Sergeant Ricardo Montilla or Principal Administrative Associate Level II Yebelin Reyes at [REDACTED]

3. For your **CONSIDERATION**.


Michael Genter
Deputy Commissioner,
Legal Matters

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